

CLINTON GUARDS—MICHIGAN.

[To accompany bill S. No. 404.]

JANUARY 16, 1857.

Mr. BUFFINTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill of the Senate No. 404, for the relief of the officers and privates of the Clinton Guards, of the county of Macomb, in the State of Michigan, respectfully report :*

The Clinton Guards was one of the volunteer companies which was called out in the year 1838, by the governor of the State of Michigan, to aid in preserving inviolate the neutrality laws of the United States, which were involved in the disturbances on the Canadian frontier, known as the "patriot war." The evidence shows that the services of volunteers were enlisted at the time at the request of the government of the United States. The committee append the evidence of Major General John Stockton in proof of the services of the said Clinton Guards, and recommend that the bill of the Senate do pass without amendment.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, *County of Macomb, ss.*

On this fifteenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the county aforesaid, John Stockton, a resident of Mount Clemens, in said county, who being duly sworn by me, on his oath says : That at and during the time of the Canadian border disturbances, commonly called the patriot war, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, he resided at Mount Clemens aforesaid, and was then, and still is, the major general commanding the fourth division of Michigan militia ; that upon the written order of Governor Stevens T. Mason, to this affiant directed, with which was enclosed the written request of the United States marshal for the district of Michigan, this affiant, as such commanding general, called into the service of the United States two independent companies then organized

at said Mount Clemens, of which the Clinton Guards, commanded by Captain William G. Page, was one, for the purpose of maintaining the neutrality laws of the United States; that in pursuance of said order, the said Clinton Guards were under military discipline and drill for about one month, commencing in January, in the year 1838. And this affiant further says, that the written authority of the said Governor Stevens T. Mason and request of the said marshal of the United States were destroyed by fire on the night of the 10th of January, A. D. 1853, when the office of this affiant, with his public and private papers were consumed.

JNO. STOCKTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, A. D. 1856.

ANDREW S. ROBERTSON,  
*Notary Public, Macomb county, Michigan.*